



One word essay: Money

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Money is no doubt a very important part of our lives. We can even go as far as to say that we cannot live without money. In our society, money is essential for survival. However, money can never buy everything.

Firstly, money cannot buy happiness. Although I cannot deny the fact that money can buy you a life of luxury which many people would tend to enjoy, you may have to spend all your life trying to earn the money to continue enjoying the luxury. You may have an infinite amount of money, but if you do not have the time to spend it, to enjoy life, then money is worthless to you.

Secondly, money cannot buy true friendship. It may seem that we are able to attract many "friends" as long as we have money, but if one day, you lose all your money, these "friends" will start to leave you.

Lastly, money cannot buy us more time. We may be able to "buy" some time by spending more money to take a taxi and arrive at our destination faster than taking a bus, but the total amount of time that everyone has in a day will still remain the same.

Money can satisfy many of our material needs, but it will never be able to buy everything.

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Term 3 Journal Entry Week 5

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He had a mien of equanimity. However, it didn't take long for him to refute our judgement. We were all flabbergasted at his effrontery in raising Cain.

Another video...this is the official trailer for Avatar Book 3: Fire

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Term 4 Journal Entry Week 4

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He remained at the site of his vigil, grimacing as a disheveled and unkempt man staggered in under the weight of a cumbersome bag.

Yet another fan-made trailer for Avatar. Watch it with your volume turned on!

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Term 3 Journal Entry Week 3

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A connoisseur being complacent or impetuous is tantamount to debilitating himself.

Another Avatar video...

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Term 3 Journal Entry Week 2

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Many of us tend to regard most trivial and paltry things in a succinct way. However, things that are bizarre and extraneous often attract our attention.

A fan-made trailer for Avatar Book 1: Water

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=yh0jGdBuEPA>

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Term 3 Journal Entry Week 1

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Appearances is a spurious way to judge people. The ostensibly innocuous may not always be as they seem. To be an accurate arbiter of people, we have to be prudent.

Here's a video to enjoy...

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Extra post...haha!

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Yay! I'm finally done with all my journal entries! I'll just be showing some more pictures.....

Waterbending



Earthbending



Firebending



Airbending



All pictures from [AvatarSpirit.net](#)

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Holiday Entry 4

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Okay, maybe it wasn't a brief introduction after all. Now, its time for the secondary characters.



Appa(voiced by Dee Bradley Baker) is a ten-ton flying bison. He is also Aang's animal companion. Appa is the main mode of travel for

the group.



Momo(also voiced by Dee Bradley Baker) is an intelligent and curious winged lemur that travels with the group, after Aang found him in the Southern Air Temple. Momo is good friends with Appa.



Jet(voiced by Crawford Wilson) is a charismatic teenager who has a deep grudge against the Fire Nation. He is the leader of the Freedom Fighters.



Long Feng(voiced by Clancy Brown) is the intelligent and cunning Grand Secretariat of Ba Sing Se(the capital of the Earth Kingdom), head of the Dai Li secret police, and adviser to the Earth King. He manipulates the Earth King, and thus has control over the Earth Kingdom.



Mai(voiced by Cricket Leigh) is an impassive 15 year old girl. She is a friend of Princess Azula, accompanying the princess to capture the Avatar. Mai has a relationship with Zuko. She is skilled in throwing weapons.



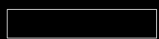
Ty Lee(voiced by Olivia Hack) is a cheerful and energetic 14 year old girl. She is also a friend of Azula, joining her in her quest to capture the Avatar. Ty Lee is a gymnast whose specialty is pressure point striking which can block the chi flow in the body's extremities, essentially paralyzing them or stopping them from element bending.



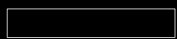
Suki(voiced by Jennie Kwan) is the 15 year old leader of the female Kyoshi Warriors. She is Sokka's first love interest in the series.



Yue(voiced by Johanna Braddy) is the 16 year old princess of the Northern Water Tribe. In the end of season one, she sacrifices herself to restore the Moon Spirit. As a result, she becomes the Moon Spirit herself. Yue is Sokka's second love interest.



Avatar Roku(voiced by James Garrett) is the Avatar before Aang. He appears occasionally to guide Aang. Naturally, according to the Avatar Cycle, Roku was born to the Fire Nation.




Fire Lord Ozai(voiced by Mark Hamill) is the ruler of the Fire Nation. He is the father of Zuko and Azula, and younger brother of Iroh. When his father, Azulon, died, he took over the throne of the Fire Nation. Ozai is a ruthless man. If it wasn't for Zuko's mother, Ozai would have killed Zuko long ago.





Zhao(voiced by Jason Issacs) is a hot-tempered Fire Nation admiral. Sokka had an accurate description of him as having "big sideburns, bigger temper". Zhao is responsible for the siege of the Northern Water Tribe as well as having killed the Moon Spirit temporarily. It is mentioned that Zhao has little self control. At the end of season one, Zhao was killed by the vengeful Ocean Spirit.


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
Now, for a brief introduction of the main characters.


 Aang(voiced by Zach Tyler Eisen) is the 12 year old protagonist of the series.(Chronologically, he's 112 years old, having been frozen in ice and sustained in the Avatar State for 100 years.) Aang is the current incarnation of the Avatar, and also the last remaining Airbender. Aang's energetic nature and childish naïvete sometimes render him oblivious to the world around him, as well as the feelings of others. It is revealed that he has a crush on Katara.


 Katara(voiced by Mae Whitman) is the 14 year old Waterbender who discovers and frees Aang from the iceberg that he was trapped in for a hundred years. She is the only remaining Waterbender in the Southern Water Tribe. Katara is kind, responsible, and particularly motherly; she developed this personality after her mother was killed in a Fire Nation attack. Though an apt leader, she can be overbearing and stubborn. In spite of her kind nature, she also has a temper. When her idealism and impressive Waterbending skills are combined with this temper, she can be quite destructive. Katara is the only one who can calm Aang out of the Avatar State. □ □


 Sokka(voiced by Jack DeSena) is a 15 year old warrior from the Southern Water Tribe. With his sister Katara, he accompanies Aang on his quest to defeat the Fire Lord. Sokka describes himself as "meat-loving" and "sarcastic". Unlike his sister, he is not a Bender. However, Sokka is skilled with a boomerang. He takes great pride in his mental and physical strength, though it is often overshadowed by others' ability to bend. He is extremely clever, relying on science where the mystical and martial arts elude him. His immature manner often causes others to underestimate his intellect.

 Zuko(voiced by Dante Basco) is the 16 year old banished prince of the Fire Nation. The most defining aspect of his appearance is a scar over his left eye, which he received during a forced [Agni Kai](#) (a fire duel) with his father; it was at the conclusion of this battle that he was banished from the Fire Nation. After the Agni Kai, Zuko was sent to capture the Avatar. He reveals that it is the only way to restore his honour, to redeem himself in his father's eyes. Zuko is temperamental, bitter, and cold to others. However, he receives positive influence from his Uncle Iroh, and through his experiences in exile. Over time, Zuko struggles to deal with his anger, self-pity, and familial relationships; meanwhile, he grows sympathetic to the peoples his nation has terrorized.

 Iroh(voiced by Mako in seasons 1 & 2, Grey Baldwin in season 3 onwards) is a retired Fire Nation general. Being the elder brother of Fire Lord Ozai, Iroh was the original heir to the throne. He is a powerful Firebender, known to many as The Dragon of the West. Iroh looks upon Zuko as a son more than as a nephew, especially after the loss of his own son, Lu Ten. On the surface, Iroh is a cheerful and kind old man; his hobbies include drinking tea, playing Pai Sho, and singing. Being older, more powerful and more experienced than the main characters, Iroh chooses to take a less active role in the affairs of the series, acting as a mentor and guide to nearly everyone he meets, especially Zuko. Iroh is one of the few Firebenders shown to be able to generate lightning. Besides that, he is the only Firebender able to redirect

lightning.(Until he teaches it to Zuko.) 

 Azula(voiced by Grey DeLisle) is the 14 year old princess of the Fire Nation. She is Zuko's younger sister, as well as one of the major antagonists in the series. Cruel and self-centered since youth, Azula is manipulative, sadistic and a self-admitted monster. It is said by Fire Lord Ozai that Azula was born lucky, whereas Zuko was lucky to be born. Being a Firebending prodigy, Azula is the only Firebender shown to be capable of producing blue flames. She is also one of the few Firebenders to have the ability to generate lightning.

 Toph Bei Fong(voiced by Jessie Flower) is a 12 year old blind Earthbender. She also claims to be the most powerful Earthbender in the world(which is rather true). Toph makes her first appearance in the second season(in episode six: The Blind Bandit), where she leaves her wealthy family to teach Aang Earthbending. Though blind, Toph "sees" with Earthbending; she feels the vibrations in the ground through her feet. Using this method, she eventually learns how to bend metal, a knowledge which may be unique to her. Due to overprotective parents, Toph has lived a largely sheltered life; this makes her somewhat selfish and sarcastic. She does not hesitate to speak her mind, and is bluntly truthful.

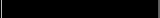
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Holiday Entry 2

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Read my previous post before reading this one.....

The Avatar maintains balance between the four nations. As the spirit of the planet manifested in human form, the Avatar is also the bridge between the Spirit World and the physical world. When an Avatar dies, he/she is reincarnated into the next nation in the Avatar Cycle. The Avatar Cycle parallels the cycle of the seasons: Winter-Water Tribes, Spring-Earth Kingdom, Summer-Fire Nation, Autumn-Air Nomads. Legend says that the Avatar must master each Bending art in the same order, starting with his/her native element. For the Avatar, learning to bend the element opposite his/her native element can be extremely difficult. This is because opposing Bending arts are based on opposing fighting styles and disciplines. Firebending and Waterbending are opposites, as are Earthbending and Airbending. The Avatar also possesses a unique ability called the Avatar State. It is a defence mechanism that empowers the Avatar with the knowledge and abilities of all past Avatars. When the Avatar enters the Avatar State, his eyes(and tattoos

in the case of an Airbender) start to glow.  In the Avatar State, the Avatar is at his most powerful, and most vulnerable. If the Avatar is killed in the Avatar State, the reincarnation cycle will be broken, and the Avatar will cease to exist.

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